

**CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**  
**VENUE: THE MEWS AT CHRIST CHURCH – TIME: 19:35**  
**ACTION MINUTES**

**Chairperson:** Rev Lore Chumbley

**Secretary:** Sharon Rawlings

**Present:**

Judith Anderson  
Georgina Bowman  
Alex Soboslay                      **Church Warden**  
Judith Bishop  
Malcolm Wall                      **Church Warden**  
Sarah Kerr  
Virginia Knight  
Brenda Wall  
Mark Elliott  
Rowena Hall

**Apologies:** Janet Mahto, Penny Edwards, Matthew Jones, Jane Nicholson and Ian Hay Davison

Rev Lore led an opening prayer.

**1.     MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes was discussed and agreed. Proposed by Judith Bishop, seconded by Georgina Bowman.

**2.     MATTERS ARISING**

**Inclusivity**

At our previous meeting, we had briefly discussed a proposal that we adopt the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement's invitation to become a 'Visible Congregation,' which involves a presence on their website and the opportunity to display their inclusiveness statement in church. This was discussed further. Overall it was felt that since Christ Church aims to be a generally inclusive church a more general statement of inclusiveness would be appropriate. It was agreed that we would post Christ Church on their website as a welcoming and inclusive church, but not display their suggested Inclusiveness sign.

The motion -'We wish Christ Church to have a presence on the LGBT Christian movement website' was put to the vote.

Proposed by Mark Elliot and Seconded by Rowena Hall. A vote was carried 10 in favour and 2 abstentions.

After further discussion, it was proposed that Christ Church write its own inclusivity statement to be posted in Church.

Proposed by Georgina Bowman and Seconded by Mark Elliot. A vote was carried 7 in favour and 3 abstentions.

### **3. TRUSTEES**

No Report.

### **4. WORSHIP**

Lore thanked Mark Elliott and leaders for the Christmas Services.

St Mary's and Father Jeremy had sent a letter expressing their thanks for inviting them to the Christmas Services.

### **Re-ordering**

The new experimental configurations are underway. We have received about 20 responses to each configuration so far.

### **5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Rowena Hall mentioned the hard work which Malcolm had done.

Photos for promoting the wood sales will be put onto the church website. Judith Bishop suggested comparing the prices with comparable products.

### **6. BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rowena suggested that a handrail needs to be placed in the choir toilet. This will be communicated to the Building Sub-Committee (BSC). Judith Bishop suggested we should call the contractors to account for the reason why damp is still rising.

There will be some Toppings Events whilst the toilets are out of action. Judith Bishop to investigate prices for Porta Loos while work is continuing

### **7. HOSPITALITY – Judith Bishop**

Judith produced a copy of planned events for the 2017. Lore thanked Judith Bishop and her team for their hard work.

**8. SOUND SYSTEM**

Mark Elliott and Judith Bishop to meet to discuss.

**ACTION:** Mark Elliott and Judith Bishop

**9. ORGAN**

Mark said he will be meeting with Nicholson's and Charles Rice to come up with a plan to fix the wall. The organ might have to come out. Mark is sure the insurance will cover the parts of the organ which had been damaged by the plaster.

**ACTION:** Mark Elliott

**10. PASTORAL CARE**

The team continues to meet to facilitate support for those people who need help. Next meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 14:00 in Christ Church Mews. Anyone who wishes to get involved are welcomed.

**ACTION:** Margaret Smith and Penny Edwards

**11. CHARITIES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Lore, Rowena and Rebekah**

The sub-committee suggested that to the charity of the month should receive all loose money in the collection - i.e. anything which is not in an envelope each week. It became clear that there was confusion over exactly what money does go to the charity of the month. For the present it was felt it should continue to be the collection on the second Sunday of the month only.

**Suggested Charities of the Month**

**US** has reverted back to **USPG** – Collections for USPG will be March, July and November. Rebekah will be the contact.

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| FEBRUARY  | Bath Mind                    |
| MARCH     | USPG                         |
| APRIL     | Bath Dementia (BDAA)         |
| MAY       | Open Doors                   |
| JUNE      | Bath Street Pastors          |
| JULY      | USPG                         |
| AUGUST    | Mission to Seaman            |
| SEPTEMBER | Libra Project Women's Refuge |
| OCTOBER   | Church Housing Trust         |

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| NOVEMBER | USPG                     |
| DECEMBER | Julian House and Genesis |

Council members asked for more information on the above charities. Judith Bishop suggested that the committee discuss the charities further and vote next month.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was suggested that Rowena Hall, Virginia Knight and Margaret meet to discuss noticeboards.

Judith Bishop to sought permission from the committee to investigate purchasing a cupboard. Council agreed this would go to the Trustees.

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March at 19:30

Closed 22.00